

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1957

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th June, 1957 -

Males - 355,720

Females - 336,162

Persons - 691,882

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1957 -

Persons - 376,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Marriages - Number	326	332	3,253	3,374
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	5.53	5.77	7.09	7.50
Births - Number	1,512	1,474	11,405	11,546
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	25.67	25.63	24.85	25.65
Deaths - Number	534	559	3,455	3,758
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	9.07	9.72	7.53	8.35
Infant - Number	33	38	245	265
Mortality * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	21.83	25.78	21.48	22.95
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	5	7	20	28
Malignant neoplasms	68	59	550	529
Diabetes mellitus	11	5	45	44
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	2	11	8
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	66	84	382	492
Diseases of the heart	158	195	1,030	1,157
Hypertension with heart disease	20	16	99	100
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	7	6	38	40
Arteriosclerosis	14	11	84	101
Influenza	3	4	7	7
Pneumonia	25	27	124	144
Bronchitis	11	6	41	40
Other respiratory disease	7	8	50	48
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	6	26	23
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	-	7	12
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	2	3	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	-	17	18
Nephritis and nephrosis	11	3	54	50
Disease of the prostate	5	5	31	42
Maternal causes	-	-	3	6
Disease of early infancy	17	22	150	155
Motor vehicle accidents	13	11	103	126
Other accidents	19	23	127	150
Suicide	9	8	61	64
All other causes	54	49	392	369
Total:	534	559	3,455	3,758

* Equivalent Annual Rate

* Deaths under one year.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 1951
INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES (U. S. A.)
1951

Item	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1938	1937	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886	1885	1884	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879	1878	1877	1876	1875	1874	1873	1872	1871	1870	1869	1868	1867	1866	1865	1864	1863	1862	1861	1860	1859	1858	1857	1856	1855	1854	1853	1852	1851	1850	1849	1848	1847	1846	1845	1844	1843	1842	1841	1840	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831	1830	1829	1828	1827	1826	1825	1824	1823	1822	1821	1820	1819	1818	1817	1816	1815	1814	1813	1812	1811	1810	1809	1808	1807	1806	1805	1804	1803	1802	1801	1800	1799	1798	1797	1796	1795	1794	1793	1792	1791	1790	1789	1788	1787	1786	1785	1784	1783	1782	1781	1780	1779	1778	1777	1776	1775	1774	1773	1772	1771	1770	1769	1768	1767	1766	1765	1764	1763	1762	1761	1760	1759	1758	1757	1756	1755	1754	1753	1752	1751	1750	1749	1748	1747	1746	1745	1744	1743	1742	1741	1740	1739	1738	1737	1736	1735	1734	1733	1732	1731	1730	1729	1728	1727	1726	1725	1724	1723	1722	1721	1720	1719	1718	1717	1716	1715	1714	1713	1712	1711	1710	1709	1708	1707	1706	1705	1704	1703	1702	1701	1700	1699	1698	1697	1696	1695	1694	1693	1692	1691	1690	1689	1688	1687	1686	1685	1684	1683	1682	1681	1680	1679	1678	1677	1676	1675	1674	1673	1672	1671	1670	1669	1668	1667	1666	1665	1664	1663	1662	1661	1660	1659	1658	1657	1656	1655	1654	1653	1652	1651	1650	1649	1648	1647	1646	1645	1644	1643	1642	1641	1640	1639	1638	1637	1636	1635	1634	1633	1632	1631	1630	1629	1628	1627	1626	1625	1624	1623	1622	1621	1620	1619	1618	1617	1616	1615	1614	1613	1612	1611	1610	1609	1608	1607	1606	1605	1604	1603	1602	1601	1600	1599	1598	1597	1596	1595	1594	1593	1592	1591	1590	1589	1588	1587	1586	1585	1584	1583	1582	1581	1580	1579	1578	1577	1576	1575	1574	1573	1572	1571	1570	1569	1568	1567	1566	1565	1564	1563	1562	1561	1560	1559	1558	1557	1556	1555	1554	1553	1552	1551	1550	1549	1548	1547	1546	1545	1544	1543	1542	1541	1540	1539	1538	1537	1536	1535	1534	1533	1532	1531	1530	1529	1528	1527	1526	1525	1524	1523	1522	1521	1520	1519	1518	1517	1516	1515	1514	1513	1512	1511	1510	1509	1508	1507	1506	1505	1504	1503	1502	1501	1500	1499	1498	1497	1496	1495	1494	1493	1492	1491	1490	1489	1488	1487	1486	1485	1484	1483	1482	1481	1480	1479	1478	1477	1476	1475	1474	1473	1472	1471	1470	1469	1468	1467	1466	1465	1464	1463	1462	1461	1460	1459	1458	1457	1456	1455	1454	1453	1452	1451	1450	1449	1448	1447	1446	1445	1444	1443	1442	1441	1440	1439	1438	1437	1436	1435	1434	1433	1432	1431	1430	1429	1428	1427	1426	1425	1424	1423	1422	1421	1420	1419	1418	1417	1416	1415	1414	1413	1412	1411	1410	1409	1408	1407	1406	1405	1404	1403	1402	1401	1400	1399	1398	1397	1396	1395	1394	1393	1392	1391	1390	1389	1388	1387	1386	1385	1384	1383	1382	1381	1380	1379	1378	1377	1376	1375	1374	1373	1372	1371	1370	1369	1368	1367	1366	1365	1364	1363	1362	1361	1360	1359	1358	1357	1356	1355	1354	1353	1352	1351	1350	1349	1348	1347	1346	1345	1344	1343	1342	1341	1340	1339	1338	1337	1336	1335	1334	1333	1332	1331	1330	1329	1328	1327	1326	1325	1324	1323	1322	1321	1320	1319	1318	1317	1316	1315	1314	1313	1312	1311	1310	1309	1308	1307	1306	1305	1304	1303	1302	1301	1300	1299	1298	1297	1296	1295	1294	1293	1292	1291	1290	1289	1288	1287	1286	1285	1284	1283	1282	1281	1280	1279	1278	1277	1276	1275	1274	1273	1272	1271	1270	1269	1268	1267	1266	1265	1264	1263	1262	1261	1260	1259	1258	1257	1256	1255	1254	1253	1252	1251	1250	1249	1248	1247	1246	1245	1244	1243	1242	1241	1240	1239	1238	1237	1236	1235	1234	1233	1232	1231	1230	1229	1228	1227	1226	1225	1224	1223	1222	1221	1220	1219	1218	1217	1216	1215	1214	1213	1212	1211	1210	1209	1208	1207	1206	1205	1204	1203	1202	1201	1200	1199	1198	1197	1196	1195	1194	1193	1192	1191	1190	1189	1188	1187	1186	1185	1184	1183	1182	1181	1180	1179	1178	1177	1176	1175	1174	1173	1172	1171	1170	1169	1168	1167	1166	1165	1164	1163	1162	1161	1160	1159	1158	1157	1156	1155	1154	1153	1152	1151	1150	1149	1148	1147	1146	1145	1144	1143	1142	1141	1140	1139	1138	1137	1136	1135	1134	1133	1132	1131	1130	1129	1128	1127	1126	1125	1124	1123	1122	1121	1120	1119	1118	1117	1116	1115	1114	1113	1112	1111	1110	1109	1108	1107	1106	1105	1104	1103	1102	1101	1100	1099	1098	1097	1096	1095	1094	1093	1092	1091	1090	1089	1088	1087	1086	1085	1084	1083	1082	1081	1080	1079	1078	1077	1076	1075	1074	1073	1072	1071	1070	1069	1068	1067	1066	1065	1064	1063	1062	1061	1060	1059	1058	1057	1056	1055	1054	1053	1052	1051	1050	1049	1048	1047	1046	1045	1044	1043	1042	1041	1040	1039	1038	1037	1036	1035	1034	1033	1032	1031	1030	1029	1028	1027	1026	1025	1024	1023	1022	1021	1020	1019	1018	1017	1016	1015	1014	1013	1012	1011	1010	1009	1008	1007	1006	1005	1004	1003	1002	1001	1000	999	998	997	996	995	994	993	992	991	990	989	988	987	986	985	984	983	982	981	980	979	978	977	976	975	974	973	972	971	970	969	968	967	966	965	964	963	962	961	960	959	958	957	956	955	954	953	952	951	950	949	948	947	946	945	944	943	942	941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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September, 1957, totalled 653,049 acres, an increase of 54,659 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 4,196,578 acres, an increase of 668,051.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,148,130	4,011,640	12,352,436	12,152,087
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 19. 5	5. 18. 0	17. 16. 6	17. 17. 11
Expenditure	4,588,152	4,347,629	14,201,700	13,962,208
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 12. 2	6. 7. 10	20. 9. 10	20. 11. 3

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of September, 1957, amounted to £64,144,796 or £92.5.11 per head of population as against £60,519,121 or £88.18.2 per head at the end of September, 1956.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 25th September, 1957, amounted to £15,395,911 compared with £15,236,307 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPT.	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
Transfers	No.	1,696	1,284	5,154	4,255
	£.	2,610,703	1,744,585	7,973,576	6,079,802
Mortgages	No.	1,269	967	3,955	3,068
	£.	2,240,621	1,842,065	7,458,760	5,722,334
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	933	737	2,883	2,448

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
September, 1957	4,433,531	3,478,292	10,194,104	623,497
September, 1956	2,715,246	1,646,666	8,504,708	497,728
Three months ended September, 1957	10,508,858	8,423,520	30,169,332	1,550,242
Three months ended September, 1956	9,276,934	5,829,580	27,152,921	1,292,475

COMPANIES REGISTERED

80 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,346,000 and 27 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended September, 1957. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 54 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,776,000 and 25 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1957			1956		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	29	72,748	43,041	27	76,567	108,366
Deeds of Assignment (a)	34	117,631	91,526	17	63,206	72,150
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,055,500	1,352,400	2,165,200	2,599,600
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,245,602	1,309,836	2,565,921	2,482,022
Train Miles Run No.	630,050	805,753	1,267,690	1,551,462
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 102,158	(b) 105,456	(c) 180,639	(c) 184,874
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,133,250	990,288	2,310,512	1,965,525
Motor Bus No.	26,335	28,382	48,981	50,180
<u>Tonnage Carried</u>				
Paying Goods	281,175	366,929	560,752	791,335
Livestock	10,462	10,329	20,341	21,712
Departmental (Free Freight)	54,300	63,180	103,705	120,291
Total:	345,937	440,438	684,798	933,338
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	46,500,461	60,537,048	95,233,909	130,328,126
Livestock	1,582,465	1,496,836	3,018,587	3,214,311
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,872,995	8,267,579	11,420,614	15,521,075
Total:	53,955,921	70,301,463	109,673,110	149,063,512

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 17th August.

(c) Period ended August.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
<u>1957 -</u>								
January	376	99	-	82	684	250	5	122
February	471	114	-	83	769	261	8	116
March	419	168	2	78	690	418	4	112
April	414	169	4	84	696	432	5	127
May	581	177	2	67	961	409	5	113
June	398	153	1	51	761	343	2	75
July	485	187	6	71	882	395	8	112
August	409	231	3	65	769	452	6	96

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1954 -</u>								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
<u>1955 -</u>								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
<u>1956 -</u>								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
January	64,665	24,724	569	9,162	100,818	62,770	1,109	12,990
February	64,766	24,703	569	9,114	101,940	63,853	1,204	13,266
March	64,839	24,656	571	9,070	102,628	64,485	1,212	13,378
April	65,184	24,561	576	9,119	102,327	63,697	1,212	13,163
May	65,369	24,485	576	9,071	103,555	64,542	1,219	13,350
June	65,013	24,354	580	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,224	13,146
July	66,611	24,648	582	8,636	104,230	63,616	1,222	12,642
August	66,632	24,545	589	8,526	104,614	63,736	1,232	12,567

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.
 / Estimated.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	3,950	4,800	8,178	7,485	5,538	7,818	11,643	16,625
Interstate	8,943	8,328	14,902	13,294	3,166	4,653	4,902	5,505
Total	12,893	13,128	23,080	20,779	8,704	12,471	16,545	22,130

BUILDING ACTIVITY
(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957 -										
March Qr.	287	852	774	2,194	21	263	149	1,798	1,231	5,107
June Qr.	418	1,134	1,071	3,103	27	455	154	1,186	1,670	5,878

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957 -										
March Qr.	610	2,025	3	7	407	890	1	2	1,021	2,924
June Qr.	845	2,768	10	20	576	1,295	1	1	1,432	4,084

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	64,422	62,204	649,829	618,641
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,006,598	971,946	10,153,570	9,666,258
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	Nil	Nil	1,371,562	1,332,823

* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 - 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Metropolitan Area	3078	3063	3064	2970	2746	2680	2725	2626
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3188	3216	3234	3130	2624	2579	2625	2539
Northam	3164	3115	3158	2996	2716	2607	2681	2552
Bunbury	3155	3101	3141	3024	2761	2687	2738	2631
Geraldton	3264	3182	3228	3054	2936	2849	2906	2796
Collie	3201	3135	3173	3048	2519	2450	2496	2410

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1956			1957		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	136,330	43,687	180,017	134,232	43,806	178,038
February	137,946	44,627	182,573	134,594	44,839	179,433
March	137,563	44,762	182,325	134,816	45,022	179,838
April	136,859	44,848	181,707	134,587	44,505	179,092
May	136,208	45,034	181,242	134,124	44,691	178,815
June	135,482	44,565	180,047	133,650	44,159	177,809
July	134,639	44,545	179,184	133,311	44,323	177,634
August	134,685	44,019	178,704	133,411	44,457	177,868
September	134,431	44,167	178,598			
October	134,494	44,189	178,683			
November	134,756	44,368	179,124			
December	134,699	44,623	179,322			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)				
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	213	226	237	241	234
February	217	228	240	241	234
March	220	231	242	240	235
April	221	230	243	239	234
May	222	231	242	238	235
June	220	230	239	235	233
July	221	230	238	233	232
August	221	230	239	232	232
September	223	232	241	233	
October	224	233	241	234	
November	227	234	243	234	
December	227	233	242	235	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1956 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division				Goldfields and Rest of State										
	Male			Female			Male		Female		Male			Female				
	£.	s.	s.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.			
28/10/57	13.	12.	9	8.	17.	3	13.	11.	5	8.	16.	5	13.	6.	7	8.	13.	3

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	44,159,750	42,508,797	142,967,674	137,433,647
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	39,748,580	38,555,150	129,021,430	124,282,200

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
August, 1957	17,189	472	104,062	14,761
August, 1956	17,397	434	99,007	10,457
2 Months ended August, 1957	33,473	906	176,671	28,682
2 Months ended August, 1956	34,107	782	167,750	21,049

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	382	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957 -										
January	405	185	169	94	574	279	3	7	228	118
February	408	144	183	76	591	220	5	3	220	104
March	520	182	192	84	712	266	8	7	219	118
April	493	197	174	90	667	287	10	3	227	123
May	542	185	192	64	734	249	6	8	217	83
June	618	202	192	94	810	296	12	7	239	125
July*	558	190	197	62	755	252	5	4	229	81
August	608	175	189	77	797	252	5	9	233	100
Total 8 Months ended August	4,152	1,460	1,488	641	5,640	2,101	54	48	1,812	852

* Revised.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	575	325	1,553	1,728
Bricks - Cement	'000	230	182	689	561
- Clay	'000	9,513	7,122	26,641	22,256
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	139	97	418	293
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,392	1,803	7,073	5,696
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gal.	25,770	26,459	70,564	67,926
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	604	439	1,963	1,348
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)18,180	(a)18,842	(b)36,367	(b)37,777
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	629	530	2,955	2,354
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	-	7	640	578
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	5,640	4,365	15,176	12,452
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	335	591	1,078	1,628
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	110	191	382	669
- 2 piece	no.	1,764	1,677	4,996	5,041
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	4,261	3,598	13,806	13,865
- Work	no.	13,087	16,874	41,461	46,995
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	28,617	29,400	91,115	94,029
Sandals	pair	20,698	28,814	39,902	59,503
Slippers	pair	21,995	31,695	60,403	103,046
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	685	527	1,708	1,585
Butter	'000 lb.	2,255	2,261	6,167	6,058
Cheese	'000 lb.	336	352	805	788
Jams	'000 lb.	67	52	199	195
Margarine	'000 lb.	17	128	344	447
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	51,699	84,950	243,825	229,198
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	475	560	1,403	1,709
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	125	119	350	374
- Nitric	cwt.	28	54	132	162
- Sulphuric	ton	16,454	15,408	47,448	38,344
Coal	ton	73,003	74,480	233,266	239,039
Cycles, Pedal	no.	679	327	1,682	1,211
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	126	127	392	403
Iron (Pig Iron)	tons	1,180	1,129	3,537	3,372
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,990	1,858	6,505	5,985
- Woven Wire	no.	1,309	1,926	7,021	8,132
- Soft Filled	no.	2,817	2,707	9,149	8,898
<u>Motor Vehicle Bodies -</u>					
Truck Trays	no.	42	30	94	112
Utilities (all types)	no.	3	2	10	7
Trailers (all types)	no.	10	10	25	25
Perambulators	no.	60	49	174	146
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	5,303	6,040	18,338	20,042
Superphosphate	ton	45,255	38,494	131,829	102,746
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,297	1,873	6,015	5,549

(a) August figures. September not available.

(b) Two months ended August.

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721	722	723	724	725	726
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829	830	831	832	833	834
835	836	837	838	839	840
841	842	843	844	845	846
847	848	849	850	851	852
853	854	855	856	857	858
859	860	861	862	863	864
865	866	867	868	869	870
871	872	873	874	875	876
877	878	879	880	881	882
883	884	885	886	887	888
889	890	891	892	893	894
895	896	897	898	899	900
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913	914	915	916	917	918
919	920	921	922	923	924
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931	932	933	934	935	936
937	938	939	940	941	942
943	944	945	946	947	948
949	950	951	952	953	954
955	956	957	958	959	960
961	962	963	964	965	966
967	968	969	970	971	972
973	974	975	976	977	978
979	980	981	982	983	984
985	986	987	988	989	990
991	992	993	994	995	996
997	998	999	1000	1001	1002

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VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(& Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.4	9.9	18.4	15.4	26.5	11.2	7.8	6.1	29.0	151.7	56.0
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.5	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	6.7	36.6	14.3
1957	6.7	2.7	4.9	4.5	5.8	2.7	1.8	1.5	6.9	37.5	13.0
June Qtr.											
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.8	1.5	1.4	7.0	37.2	12.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.4	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	13.7
1956	6.8	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	11.8
Dec. Qtr.											
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.7	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.1	2.5	1.7	8.4	41.6	15.7
1956	7.1	2.7	4.8	4.4	8.0	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.0	41.9	13.2

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 25% of Total Sales)

FRUIT

Item	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	32. 0	21. 9	21. 5	15. 3	12.10	9. 8	8. 3	8. 2				
Oranges - Navel	bushel	-	-	-	-	30. 2	19. 4	19. 7	23. 5				
- Valencia	bushel	27. 2	27. 6	33. 9	39. 5	27. 0	27. 0	24. 2	18. 2				
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 4	1. 2	1. 4	1. 5	1. 4	1. 4	1.11	2. 1				
Apples - Granny Smith	bushel	20. 0	19. 8	14. 5	19.10	24. 3	25. 9	27. 3	32. 6				
- Other	bushel	21. 5	17.11	16.10	22. 8	23. 8	24. 5	27. 1	32. 8				
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20. 9	15. 9	15. 8	21.11	20. 2	18. 9	23. 8	30. 0				
Apricots	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	26. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Nectarines	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	24.11	25. 1	25. 5	-	-	-	-	-				
Plums	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	19. 6	16. $7\frac{1}{2}$	25. 5	36.11	-	-	-	-				
Peaches	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	18. 5	18. 8	19. 0	-	-	-	-	-				
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	17. 0	20. 4	24. 9	27. 4	24.11	28. 6	-	-				

VEGETABLES

Item	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	50 lb. crate	3. 8	6.10	5. 8	6. 4	5. 6	5.11	12. 7	11.11				
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	27. 0	21. 8	17. 0	11.11	7. 2	19. 4	14. 9				
Lettuce	crate	5. 9	6. 5	7.10	8. 3	6. 9	8. 0	15. 1	11. 9				
Table Celery	dozen head	6. 4	4. 9	6. 6	4. 7	6. 5	5. 6	4. 3	9.10				
Beetroot	cwt.	16. 8	27. 7	28. 3	21. 2	20. 1	17. 0	29. 7	43. 7				
Carrots	cwt.	20. 6	39.10	46. 7	56. 8	45. 6	31. 2	39.10	35. 9				
Parsnips	cwt.	69. 2	86. 1	111. 0	105. 9	84. 9	65. 9	73. 5	67. 0				
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	6. 3	8. 2	8. 2	6. 8	7. 6	5. $8\frac{1}{2}$	7. 9	8. $3\frac{1}{2}$				
Swedes	cwt.	32. 9	67. 2	64. 1	74. 6	41. 9	29. 9	30. 6	31. 3				
Runner Beans	lb.	5	9	11	7	6	9	1.11	2. 1				
Peas	lb.	1. 7	2. 1	1.11	1. 4	1. 5	1. 9	2. 1	1. 4				
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	3	3	3	4	5	4				
Pumpkin	bag	23. 3	18.10	16. 1	16. 8	14. 3	15. 4	16. 1	16. 3				
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	9. 4	11. $2\frac{1}{2}$	13. 1	19. 5	15. 6	11. 9	15. 6	20.10				
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.				
Onions (a)	ton	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	37. 3.0	40. 0.0	41. 8.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0				
Potatoes(b)	ton	41.15.0	41.15.0	41.15.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0				

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. / No local onions available.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R., Perth.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (MIDLAND MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 50% of Total Sales)

LIVESTOCK

Item	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>												
Suckers	-	-	-	-	4. 8. 0	4.17. 0	4.12. 0	4. 7. 4				
Lambs - Wool	3.18. 0	4. 6. 8	4.11. 8	5. 7. 0	5.12. 5	6. 2. 7	4.16. 0	4. 7. 2				
- Shorn	-	-	-	4. 4. 0	4. 1. 7	4.19. 5	4. 9. 5	3.13. 7				
Hoggets - Wool	3.16. 8	4. 4. 8	4. 7. 8	4. 9.10	4.18. 8	5.12. 5	4.17. 3	3.17. 5				
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	3.12.10	5. 3. 7	3. 4. 3	-				
Ewes - Wool	2.17. 0	3. 7. 8	3. 6. 3	4. 1.10	4.16. 3	5. 5. 3	4.18. 8	4. 8. 2				
- Shorn	-	-	-	2. 4. 0	3. 2. 3	4. 2. 3	3. 6. 0	2.11. 7				
Wethers - Wool	3.17. 5	4. 3. 5	4. 3.10	4.16.10	5. 7.10	6. 7. 7	5. 6. 5	4. 3. 5				
- Shorn	-	-	-	2.18. 7	3. 7. 7	3.14. 5	3.14. 5	3. 3.11				
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>												
Baby Beef	29. 9. 0	27.13. 5	29. 9.10	34. 7. 7	40. 5. 5	40. 2. 0	39.14. 3	35.13. 4				
Heifers	31. 2. 5	30.19. 3	34.15. 5	41.19.10	46. 0.10	46. 7.10	43.13. 3	39. 2.10				
Cows	41.10. 3	35. 7. 3	40.14. 5	45. 0.10	47.16. 3	47. 9. 3	48.16.10	39.15. 2				
Steers	40. 3. 7	38. 8. 5	46.10.10	50.13. 7	53.15. 0	52. 9. 3	52. 7. 3	47.11. 9				
Bullocks	46.10. 7	44. 4.10	44.13. 3	57. 1. 0	54. 8.10	52. 7. 7.	50.17.10	45.19. 0				
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>												
Slips	6. 8. 7	6.14. 3	6. 6. 5	5.12. 5	5. 6. 0	4.14. 0	4.16. 3	3.17. 3				
Porkers	10.18. 7	10. 3.10	9.16. 3	10.16. 0	9.13. 1	9. 4. 7	8.15. 1	8.12. 7				
Baconers	17.10. 3	17. 0.10	17. 0.10	16.16. 7	15.17. 0	15.17. 5	14.15. 0	14. 0. 8				

